

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SELECTING A PROVIDER  
TO SERVICE CONTENT REQUESTED BY A CLIENT DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5           Methods and systems for servicing content for delivery to a client device  
are described. An item of content is identified during a session with the client  
device. A type of service to be performed on the item of content is identified.  
An estimate of resources associated with performing the service is used to  
select a provider from a plurality of providers capable of performing the  
10   service. Information for transferring the session to the provider is provided.  
The provider performs the service on the item of content upon being  
transferred the session.